

TO BE NO LET-UP

In Progress of River Improvement,
Says Capt. Dovenor.

A RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL

To be Introduced at One of the Two
Sessions of Present Congress.
Chairman Burton Was Misquoted.
Contract for the Wheeling Dam to
be Let in the Spring—Wheeling's
Public Building.

The impression was created recently through an interview with Chairman Burton, of the congressional committee on rivers and harbors, that there would be no rivers and harbors bill passed by the present Congress. This information was, of course, received with regret throughout the Ohio valley, which is gradually becoming the beneficiary of the system of locks and dams on the continuous contract plan that will ultimately give slackwater navigation from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati.

Of all the Ohio valley congressmen, Captain Dovenor, of this city, representing the First West Virginia district, has been the most active and influential in securing recognition of the great importance of improving the Ohio river. At the second session of the last Congress, through his efforts as a member of the rivers and harbors committee, provision was made for a dam and locks at or below Wheeling, and for another at Marietta, thus committing the national government to the ultimate construction of dams between Marietta and Pittsburgh.

"I am confident Chairman Burton was misquoted," said Captain Dovenor to an Intelligence reporter last night. "He evidently meant to give it as his opinion that there would be no rivers and harbors bill at this, the first, session of the present Congress; certainly he did not mean to give out that there would be no bill at either session. The committee has not yet met to discuss the matter, but my individual opinion is that the bill will be brought up and passed at the present session, instead of the second."

"What will the bill include?" was asked.

"Well, that, of course, cannot be stated with certainty now, but I am convinced the dam at Cincinnati, for which the Ohio Valley Improvement Association is working, will be included. That will be the limit for these dams; below Cincinnati only open work will be needed. As to the location of the other dam to be provided for in the bill, it may be placed between Wheeling and Marietta, or near Wellsville, Ohio, between Wheeling and Pittsburgh, where Congressman Taylor desires it. After the Cincinnati dam is provided for, future rivers and harbors bills will provide for the intermediate dams necessary to make up the complete chain from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati. On the upper stretch of river many more dams are needed; for instance just below Pittsburgh some are only six or eight miles apart; below Wheeling they are thirteen to fifteen miles apart, and below Marietta some will be even separated by twenty-five to thirty miles of slackwater."

"What of the Wheeling dam?"

"The contract for this dam will be given early in the spring. The engineers are now at work on the plans and specifications. Its site is just at the lower part of the town of McMechen, near Jim's run. It will give a harbor for Wheeling extending from the dam past McMechen, Benwood, Bellaire, Wheeling, Bridgeport and Martin's Ferry to just below the Sisters Islands."

"When do you expect to see Wheeling and Pittsburgh connected by a complete system of dams, giving slackwater?"

"Within six or seven years, and it will take but little longer time to give slackwater to Marietta. With slackwater from Pittsburgh to Marietta, packet and coal towing navigation can be maintained to Cincinnati and, of course, beyond, nearly throughout the year, so far as low water would interfere."

"Are the prospects good for Wheeling's government building bill?"

"They are. I introduced such a bill in the last Congress, and on the first day of the present session I re-introduced it. It will now be taken up by the committee on public buildings and grounds, and in due time the committee will call upon the treasury department for information as to the need for a new building. The department will thereupon send an inspector to Wheeling, when the people will have an opportunity to show him the crying need for a new building on a new site."

Congressman Dovenor will not return to Washington until next Tuesday. Today he is called to Fairmont on legal business, but he intends returning before the close of the week.

BRIDGEPORT HAPPENINGS.

Events of a Day in the Town at the
End of the Bridge.

Yesterday morning, Captain William Clark, aged eighty-five years, one of the best known citizens in this community, and well known by every old riverman in the Ohio valley, suffered a paralytic stroke, at the home of his son, Edward, in this city. The captain was feeling as well as usual yesterday morning, when arose to start the fire in the kitchen stove. About 7:30 o'clock he was found lying upon the floor, apparently dead. A physician was quickly summoned, and upon examination it was found that his right side was paralyzed. Owing to the advanced age of the captain, but little hope was entertained for his recovery all day yesterday, but last evening he was resting easily.

Mrs. Mary C. Meek, of Brooklyn, formerly of this city, and a sister of Robert Clayland, who now resides in Kirkwood, sailed from New York December 26 for Singapore, Malay peninsula. Mrs. Meek goes as a missionary, and also to take charge of a school for a period of five years. Mrs. Meek is well known in this city, and by many will be remembered as one of the teachers in the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. James Parks will be down from Flushing to-morrow, to visit

it for a few days, with the family of T. C. Farmer, of Kirkwood.

A New Year's dance will be given at the Opera House, and the terpsichorean diversions will be indulged in from 2 p. m. until midnight.

Miss Nettie Bradenstien will entertain a number of her friends to-morrow evening, at her home in Kirkwood.

Mrs. E. E. Ralston, who has been the guest of her father-in-law in this city, has returned to her home in Cleveland.

Sanford Randolph has returned to his home in Canal Dover, after a few days' visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Thomas Griffith returned to her home at Massillon yesterday, after a visit with relatives in this city.

Hundreds of young people enjoyed the excellent skating on the creek yesterday afternoon and evening.

A concert will be given at the Third M. E. church to-morrow evening for the benefit of the church.

Mrs. Martha Duncan will entertain friends to-morrow afternoon between the hours of 2 and 4.

W. T. Lewis returned to Columbus yesterday, after a visit with his brother Thomas.

Leroy Farmer goes to Flushing to-morrow, to spend a few days with relatives.

Miss Rosa Boston is very ill at her home in Kirkwood, threatened with the fever.

Clarence Bumgarner returned to Massillon yesterday, after a short visit here.

Lloyd Duncan, of Fairmont, is the guest of his father, in this city.

Fred Gordon went to Pittsburgh yesterday to visit friends.

Frank Roberts is on the sick list.

Frank Fee is on the sick list.

MARTIN'S FERRY NEWS.

The Daily Chronicle of Wheeling's
Progressive Neighbor.

A rare musical treat will be the sacred and secular concert to be given at the First Presbyterian church, under the direction of William Mann, next Tuesday evening. The programme follows:

SACRED.
Abendestimme.....Philharmonic Trio
"If With All Your Hearts".....Thos. Lloyd
"O Holy Night".....Mrs. Flora Williams
"In Time of Trouble He Shall Hide".....Angus MacDonald
"The Day is Ended".....J. C. Gray
"Open the Gates of the Temple".....Wm. Mann
"Opus 56—Moderato, Rondo".....Philharmonic Trio
Intermission.

SECLAR.
"The Echo".....Mrs. Williams and Mr. Mann
"The Storm Wind".....J. C. Gray
"Once Again".....Thos. Lloyd
"Legende".....Edward Blumenberg
"Aria—Nobil Signor".....Mrs. Williams
"Loch Lomond".....Wm. Mann
"Angus MacDonald".....J. C. Gray
"The Day is Ended".....J. C. Gray
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Yesterday afternoon the Woman's Club met at the residence of Mrs. G. H. Smith, on "The Heights." The attendance was very large. An interesting programme was rendered in accord with the season, and was enjoyed immensely by all. One of the interesting features of the afternoon's meeting was the opening of the Christmas stocking.

Jacob Hounker, Henry Gauding and Harry Barrett left for Pittsburgh yesterday to attend the meeting of the Flint Glassworkers. At this meeting of the glassworkers, President W. J. Smith's successor will be named, the vacancy being caused by the resignation of Mr. Smith.

Mrs. W. H. Stewart, Mrs. J. M. Blackford and Miss Bertie Blackford will be "at home" to their lady friends at the residence of the former, on North Fourth street this afternoon, between the hours of 2 and 6.

To-night, in Commercial Hall, Rev. Herbert Tlock will deliver his lecture on "Australia." The lecturer has spent ten years in that country, consequently the lecture should be very interesting.

The case of Mrs. Caroline Porter against T. J. Irwin, executor, was heard before Squire Kellar yesterday afternoon, and a verdict rendered in favor of the plaintiff for \$15.

The marriage of Mrs. Mary Higgs to Jerry Higgs occurred yesterday morning, at the home of the bride, on Fourth street. Rev. W. C. D. Bond, of the Baptist church, officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beck, who have been the guests of the family of James Marshburger, on Hickory street, returned to their home, at Coraopolis, yesterday.

This evening Misses Emma and Ada Joy, Loretta Wright and Ethel Murdoch will entertain their friends at the assembly rooms in the Shreve-Hervey building.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cleis, of Fairmont, W. Va., and Mart Atwell, of Steubenville, are the guests of the family of Mark Douglass, on North Fourth street.

The case of the Aetna Insurance Company against Misses Aggie Bell and Lizzie Shaer comes up for trial before Squire Clemens at Bridgeport to-day.

The Young Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the First M. E. church will hold an open meeting this evening at Masonic Hall.

Miss Irene Wright will be home from Pittsburgh to-day, to spend a few days with her sister, Miss Loretta Wright, on Washington street.

Miss Emily Hoge leaves next Wednesday for Chicago, where she will spend several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Edgar Bedford.

Charles Wood returns to Decatur, Ill., to-day, after a short stay with his parents, on North Third street.

Miss Anna McCarty, of Sewickley, is the guest of the family of James Mansburger, on Hickory street.

Miss Gertrude Schofield returned to Columbus, after a few days' visit with her parents, on Walnut street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Specht returned yesterday from a few days' visit with relatives at Zanesville.

Mrs. John Oxley and children returned yesterday from a several days' visit with relatives at Irondele.

Miss Ellen Mitchell leaves Saturday for Pittsburgh, to take a course in King's school of oratory.

Ross Barr returned to Pittsburgh yesterday, after a few days' visit with his parents.

Fritz Baker and William Rohrey will go up to St. Clairsville to-day on business.

Joseph Schofield has returned to Marion, Ind.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chili Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price, 60c.

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FOOT BALL. BOWLING.

Sporting.

BOXING. CYCLING.

BOXING.

The boxing game is experiencing a boom this winter somewhat in the nature of a revival. The sport has now become a practically legalized amusement, and it has brought forth a new era of boxers. The old timers that went about the streets, wearing gaudy sweaters and looking tough, are passing away. They were in their element when turf fights were pulled off in secret. The club house, with its tiers of seats and general up-to-date embellishments has for its star performers men who are not distinguishable from their fellows on the street. This school of fighters came into evidence with the entrance of Corbett, "Gentleman Jim," and in his wake has followed Kid McCoy and a host of others throughout all the weight classifications. If for no other reason than for the way he holds himself, Jack McCalland, the Pittsburgh boxer, is popular. The same is true of Oscar Gardner and many others familiar to the local following.

The Metropolitan's next card will bring together Fred Green, of Cleveland, and Eddie Gardner, of this city, at 125 pounds, on January 8. They met before, in Sandusky, for fifteen rounds, Green getting the decision, but he outweighed Edie considerable on that occasion, so that their second meeting should be a hot one.

Oscar Gardner and Tommy Dixon, of Rochester, N. Y., will clash here on January 22. A few years ago Dixon knocked Gardner out, and in fact, he nearly finished him for good. Oscar was out for about three days. But Gardner has gone up since then, while Dixon has done comparatively little.

ENGLISH BOXERS SORE.

Jordan and Curley Take Back Home
a Tale of Woe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Scores of local sports are saying: "I told you so." They have just received news that Will Curley and Ben Jordan, the English boxers, have arrived home, and score American referees and boxing clubs in severe terms. Curley says he was robbed of the decision in his bout with Dixon, and he also states that Sharkey received the same treatment in his bout with Jeffries. The English boxer waited until he got away from America to change his opinion, for the night of the latter contest he said Jeffries was entitled to the award.

Jordan states that the reason he did not remain here and box Lenny was that the Americans wanted to put him to the severest task possible by trying to make him get into the ring two nights running, so that if he got beaten he should have no earthly chance of a return match with Santry. Being heartily sick of all their tricks, he came back on the first available boat. England is good enough for him in future, he says.

It will be a long time before he gets another call from America.

BOWLING.

Wheeling League.
Teams. Won. Lost. Per.
Wheeling.....27 8 .738
All Alike.....27 9 .735
K. K. K.....23 11 .676
Emigrants.....23 16 .591
Rough Riders.....19 20 .487
Kissing Buses.....14 25 .354
All Rooters.....7 24 .229
Knotters.....6 23 .209
Apollon.....6 23 .209

Last night's games resulted in Oceolas winning three straight from Kennores.

KENMORES. 1st. 2d. 3d. Total
Belwinger.....112 112 101 325
Haher.....129 106 162 397
Hazelton.....129 181 125 335
Wagner.....142 150 137 429
Bohm.....135 150 134 419
Blind.....149 128 136 413

OCEOLAS. 1st. 2d. 3d. Total
C. F. Felt.....128 165 114 407
H. Miller.....162 140 182 484
G. Wigham.....158 162 131 451
H. Pughart.....167 182 135 484
A. Norieman.....146 177 145 468
C. Norieman.....135 178 112 425

Totals.....386 475 523 2729

AN EIGHT-CLUB LEAGUE.

Four Clubs Are to be Retired From
the National League.

Little has been heard from the circuit committee, which was appointed at the National League meeting several days ago. In fact, the magnates who are on this committee have been keeping under cover and working on the quiet. Nothing was heard from them until John I. Rogers, of the Philadelphia club, who is a member of the committee, was interviewed in New York. He divulged a plan which is expected to clear up the much tangled baseball situation. The dispatch reads as follows:

"The committee will not bid on all the property of the four clubs that are to be retired, and the players will not be placed in a pool, to be sold to the highest bidder," said Colonel Rogers.

"The League intends to purchase the franchises of the clubs, and the present owners will be allowed to carry on the business of selling their players. They can do it to better advantage than the League. As yet the committee has not made a direct offer for any franchise. I expect that within the next ten days John T. Brush, chairman of the circuit committee, will see the Louisville and Cleveland owners and get their figures. No fancy prices will be paid. In fact, these two clubs will be lucky to get anything for their franchises, as it

would be almost impossible for either club to go on next season.

"After we dispose of Louisville and Cleveland the Baltimore and Washington people will be approached, and unless they can be bought out cheaply the league will go on next season with ten clubs. This, no doubt, would make an awkward schedule, but I think the best way it could be arranged would be to move the clubs around in groups of two, disregarding entirely the dividing of them into eastern and western sections."

Cycling Notes.

The professional racing men will have a representative in the coming assembly of the L. A. W. The rights and privileges committee will hold the election next month.

The new officers of the Connecticut Division of the League of American Wheelmen are: F. W. Starr, Hartford, chief consul; O. H. Hammond, Torrington, vice consul; W. A. Wells, Norwich, secretary-treasurer.

Following are the recently elected officers of the Maryland division of the League of American Wheelmen: chief consul, J. J. McElroy, Baltimore; vice-consul, R. C. Gillespie, Cumberland; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Carr, Jr., Baltimore.

A two-day's meeting of the Ohio Division of the League of American Wheelmen will be held at Cincinnati on the 30th inst. The plan of action for next year will be carefully gone over and the reports of the various committees will be received.

Fremont, Ohio, is to be the scene of a test as to wheelmen's rights to ride on the sidewalks, when the roads are in an impassable condition. E. S. Thomas, a local official of the League of American Wheelmen, will contest the case, and he will receive the support of the Ohio division. The outcome will be awaited with interest.

Secretary Bassett, of the League of American Wheelmen, estimates there will be 200 votes actually represented at this, it will take 134 votes, or thereabouts, to carry a constitutional amendment, and 68 votes will be sufficient to defeat any similar proposition. Candidates for election must have 101 votes to win. The votes are distributed by sections, as follows: New England, 53; the west, 57; south, 21; Atlantic coast states, 134. Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey have an even 100 votes.

BELLAIRE HAPPENINGS.

Matters of Interest in the Metropolis
of Belmont County.

The annual New Year's entertainment at the Christian church will this year be something out of the ordinary. A special feature will be the singing of the Bethany College male quartette, of which Rev. W. L. Fisher is a member. They will be assisted by Prof. Miller, teacher of elocution in the college, as reader, and Miss Carrie Matthews as soprano soloist. The usual strong chorus, to be accompanied by a large orchestra, is being drilled by Director J. H. Hopkins.

The St. Clairsville presbytery has arranged the following programme for the installation of Rev. R. S. Coffey as pastor of the First Presbyterian church here: Rev. Nevins, of Pittsburgh, will preach the sermon, Rev. Bogle, of Martin's Ferry, will read the Scripture, Rev. Te Winkle will deliver he charge to the pastor and Rev. W. L. Alexander will deliver the charge to the congregation. These services will be held in the evening, January 15.

Mr. J. A. Driggs was at Woodsfield Tuesday, attending the funeral of his uncle, Mr. James R. Morris, who died at Woodsfield Christmas morning. The deceased was the founder of the Woodsfield Spirit of Democracy in 1844, and was elected to Congress in '60 to '62, and in earlier days was a very prominent man of affairs.

The work of clearing away the debris at the Rose & Morgan coal works began yesterday, the insurance adjusters being on the ground. The firm will push the rebuilding as rapidly as possible.

Architect J. W. Yost, of Columbus, was in town yesterday. He is preparing plans for the extension of the bottle works, to provide for the fifteen-ton tank.

Mayor Freeze disposed of three drunks and a disorderly yesterday and another chap settled a shoe account out of court.

State Food Commissioner Blackburn is investigating the poisoning of a family at Findlay from eating colored candy.

Several members of the B. P. O. E. of this city will attend a blow-out given by the Elks at Mannington this evening.

Thomas Johnson, aged seventy-eight years, died at his home at Stewartsville, Tuesday, of pneumonia.

Miss May Dolan, of New Castle, Pa., formerly of this city, is the guest of friends in the Fifth ward.

Justus Allum has returned to Mannington, W. Va., after spending a few days with his family here.

William Hoffman has returned to Pittsburgh, after spending a few days with relatives here.

Jesse Landkrohn has returned to Parkersburg, after spending a few days with his parents.

William Bagges and wife have returned to Pittsburgh, after a short visit here.

McMECHEN NOTES.

Daily Items of Interest About People
and Events.

Yesterday, at Grafton, occurred a very pretty wedding; the contracting parties were Mr. Henry Pracht, of this place, and Miss Mamie Walters, an accomplished young lady of Grafton. They will be here after New Year's, where they will spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. John Pracht, of McMechen avenue, Mr. Pracht's parents.

The ladies of the M. E. church will give a free entertainment Friday and Saturday evening, at McClure's Hall. A contest between William Dean and W. E. Thoner will close.

Homer Morgan and wife have returned from Beaver Falls, Pa., where they were the guests of Mr. Morgan's father, Christmas.

Frank Stewart and bride will be home the last of the week, after spending several days with friends in Ohio.

Otto McGuire is spending his vacation from school with friends at Tippecanoe, Ohio.

J. C. Cunningham was the guest of friends at Farmington yesterday.

Miss Annie Harbison, of Woodland, is in town, the guest of friends.

John Johnson, of Columbus, is here, the guest of relatives.

MOUNDVILLE BUDGET.

Yesterday's News From Marshall
County's Chief City.

The birthday party given by the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church, at the residence of J. Howard Holt, last night, was a decided success. Excellent refreshments were served, and every one present enjoyed a royal good time.

Mrs. J. B. Miller and Miss Clara Miller, of Beallsville, of Ohio, and Mrs. Ada Brown, of Jerusalem, Ohio, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McBrow, of Seventh street.

W. B. Mathews left yesterday morning for Charleston, after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mathews, of Fifth street.

Mr. and Mrs. William McFadden, who spent Christmas with Hon. G. S. McFadden and family, have returned to their home in Pittsburgh.

Elbert Mitchell, of the Mitchell Law Book Company, of Wheeling, was here calling on the members of the legal fraternity yesterday.

Messrs. George and Jesse Crimmel left for Marietta yesterday, after spending Christmas with their parents, on Grant avenue.

Alton Jones has returned to Pittsburgh, after a visit of a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones, of Morton avenue.

Miss Lizzie Smith, of Washington, Pa., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. O. P. Dubois, at her home, on Sixth street.

Little Prince Lodge No. 73, K. of P., will elect officers to-night. A full attendance of the members is desired.

Hon. S. W. Mathews leaves to-day for Huntington, after a stay of a few days with friends in the city.

The executive committee of the board of trade will have a meeting at the court house to-night.

Rev. J. B. Smith was called to Smithfield, Ohio, yesterday, to attend the funeral of a relative.

Henry Karcher returned yesterday from a visit with friends at New Matamoras.

Attorney Charles McCammick is spending the holidays with friends at Wellsburg.

The Sixteenth Century Club met with Mrs. C. R. Oldham yesterday afternoon.

Miss Anna Sunderland is visiting friends in Pennsylvania.

J. D. Burley is sick at his home, on Lafayette avenue.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS.

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Wheeling and Belmont Bridge Company will be held at the office of the company on Monday, January 8, 1900, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock p. m., for the election of managers to serve during the ensuing year.

JOS. LAWSON, Secretary.
Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 25, 1899. de25

MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS.

The stockholders of the Bank of the Ohio Valley will hold their annual meeting at the bank Monday, January 8, 1900, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock p. m., for the transaction of such business as may be brought before the meeting.

J. A. MILLER, Cashier. de25

GENERAL NOTICES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, at the annual stockholders' meeting of the Wheeling Corrugating Company, a corporation created under the laws of the state of West Virginia, to be held at the office of the company, in the city of Wheeling, in the state of West Virginia, on the 23d day of January, 1900, a resolution will be offered increasing the authorized number of shares of the capital stock of said company from fifteen hundred (\$1,500) shares of the par value of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each to fifty thousand (\$50,000) shares of the par value of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each.

ALEX. GLASS, Stockholder. de25

NATIONAL TUBE COMPANY.

No. 28 Cortlandt Street, New York, November 21, 1899.

Preferred Stock Dividend No. 2. At a meeting of the board of directors, held this day, a quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters per centum upon the preferred capital stock of the National Tube Company was declared out of the net profits of the company, payable January 2, 1900, at the office of the company, No. 28 Cortlandt street, New York City.

The preferred stock transfer books will be closed